

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
10/016,500	BAUMAN ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS**. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment of 2/20/04 and the tele. int. of 5/11/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-9 and 11-15.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date 2/20/04.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/14/04.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Wozny on May 11, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

claim 1,

line 4, inserted --and slopes downwardly-- following "laterally"

line 11, inserted --of said body-- following "walls"

line 13, inserted --of said body-- following "wall"

line 14, inserted --of said ramp-- following "edge"

line 18, changed the first occurrence of "and" to a comma and inserted --of said body-- following the second occurrence of "wall"

line 19, inserted --sloping downwardly between said front edge of said ramp and said front wall of said body, said chamber-- following "and"

line 23, inserted --of said body-- following "wall"

line 26, inserted --of said body-- following "wall"

claim 8,

line 2, deleted "channel-shaped"

claim 9,

line 6, inserted --of said ramp-- following "edge"

line 11, changed "and" to a comma and deleted ";"

line 12, inserted --sloping downwardly between said front edge and said front wall, said chamber-- following the last occurrence of "and"

line 14, inserted --adapted to be-- following "is"

claim 11,

line 2, changed "to" to --for--, changed "position" to --positioning-- and inserted --the-- following "in"

line 3, deleted "of a frame member"

claim 12,

line 2, deleted "substantially channel-shaped"

claim 14,

line 2, deleted "of a sill"

line 3, deleted "assembly"

Drawings

The drawing correction filed February 20, 2004 has been approved.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record, absent applicant's own disclosure, fails to teach the entire combination of elements set forth in the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to teach a sill assembly having a drainage chamber defined by a top wall extending laterally from the support wall and sloping downwardly between the front edge of the ramp and the front wall of the body. See lines 16-19 of claim 1 and lines 9-12 of claim 9.

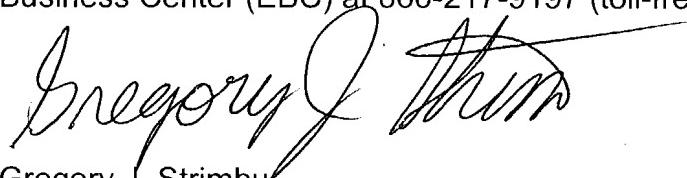
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 703-305-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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